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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2011 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor associate **Hector Roman** (MC60159695) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly gave a client a massage and touched the client inappropriately.

Clallam County

In September 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Karen Denise Jensen** (HC60229797) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was convicted of identity theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In September 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Oscar Daniel Nieves** (D160211141) and placed his registration on probation for one year. He was convicted of attempted assault, identity theft, and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In September 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Roger J. Wendel** (DE00004012, CS10000055) with unprofessional conduct. Wendel also holds a conscious sedation permit. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when performing root canal treatment on a patient.

Cowlitz County

In September 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Amber Lee Akin** (D160226465) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In September 2011 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Shane D. Waliezer** (ES60193733) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence and extortion.

King County

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Biniam Beraki Belay** (NC60223264). He entered an agreement in criminal court to continue a case for dismissal or amendment of a charge of assault.

In September 2011 the Dental Commission released dentist **Heideh Eftehari** (DE00006748) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Robert A. Krutenat** (RN00060280) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly stole controlled substances from his workplace for his own use.

In September 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Sohrab Moshiri** (DE00005739, GA10000161) with unprofessional conduct. Moshiri also holds a dentist general anesthesia permit. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard. He also allegedly used incorrect billing codes and provided treatment outside the pre-authorized procedures from the patients insurance.

In September 2011 the Medical Commission corrected the notice of decision to grant the license of physician **Dalbir Singh** (MD00048748). He voluntarily resigned from his prior workplace to avoid being fired and failed to disclose the resignation on his application.

In August 2011 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Ronisha A. Smith** (D160120972). She was convicted of assault, felony harassment, possession of PCP, driving without an ignition interlock device, making a false or misleading statement to a public servant, theft, and prostitution.

In September 2011 the Mental Health Counselor Program released licensed mental health counselor **Lisa Marie Sullivan** (MC60197071) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Erin Danielle Cozzens** (CO60237527) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant, driving under the influence, and two counts of hit and run of an unattended vehicle. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health charged physical therapist **Franklin R. Merritt** (PT00008051) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into sexual relationships with patients and made sexually explicit comments to patients.

Skagit County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Tonya Leeann Pearson** (CO60150076).

Snohomish County

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Heather Ann Black-Coyne** (CO60169193).

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tina M. Seat** (NC10019285) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly submitted records to her employer that fraudulently and inaccurately indicated she provided nursing care to a patient at his home.

Stevens County

In September 2011 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program placed the license of **Layne Serr** (LH00004674) on monitoring for two years. He required clients to sign disclosure statements where he listed himself as a certified psychologist, licensed psychologist, and as offering forensic psychological services. He isn't licensed and has never been licensed as a psychologist in Washington. He also waited to report sexual abuse of minors until seven days after the clients disclosed the abuse. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In September 2011 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of licensed mental health counselor **Mary Catherine Denning** (LH60215422) and placed conditions against her license with which she must comply. She engaged in unlicensed practice as a registered counselor for about five years because she didn't renew her registered counselor credential.

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Joel A. Forthman** (CO60187479).

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Laura A. Long** (CO60158271), also known as Laura A. Bransford.

In September 2011 the Massage Program granted the application of **Dawn M. Petrushkin** (MA60240918) and placed conditions against her license with which she must comply. She was placed on informal probation for driving under the influence and was placed on suspended sentences for the charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended or revoked, possession for sale of a controlled substance, and child abuse.

In September 2011 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the application of paramedic **Michael James Wilson** (ES60237606) and placed his certification on probation for 18 months. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his emergency medical technician credential.

Out of State

California: In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Corey Stephen Swinburne** (NC60197808) and placed conditions against his certification with which he must comply. He was convicted of driving under the influence and assault, and entered into a five-year, deferred prosecution for driving under the influence.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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